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For: Cloning of BASB110 Antigen From Moraxella (Branhamella) Catarrhalis)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

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Applicant respectfully requests that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in this case before the calculation of fees and before examination of the subject application.

In the Claims:

Please delete the claims of the application as filed in the PCT and substitute therefor:

7. An isolated polypeptide comprising a member selected from the group consisting of

(a) an amino acid sequence matching SEQ ID NO:2 or SEQ ID NO:4 and

an immunogenic polypeptide comprising a fragment sequence of at least 15 amino acids that matches an aligned contiguous segment of SEQ ID NO:2, or

SEQ ID NO:4

wherein the isolated polypeptide, when administered to a subject in a suitable composition which can include an adjuvant, or a suitable carrier coupled to the polypeptide, induces an antibody or T-cell immune response to a polypeptide having the sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 or SEQ ID NO:4.

- 28. An isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide of Claim 27 or the full complement to the isolated polynucleotide.
- 29. The isolated polypeptide of claim 27 wherein the polypeptide is according to (a).
- 30. An isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide of Claim 29 or the full complement to the isolated polynucleotide.